

Minutes of July 25, 2011

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM; all members were present.

The meeting minutes of July 11th were approved as amended.

Finance Committee members were present for appointment of Mr. William Hattendorf, who sent in a letter of interest for the open position on the Finance Committee. A joint meeting of the Board and the Finance Committee was opened. Mr. Hattendorf spoke giving his employment background and his reasons for seeking a position on the Finance Committee. Being that there were no further questions a motion was made, seconded and so voted by the Selectmen and Finance Committee to appoint Mr. Hattendorf to the Finance Committee until the Annual Election in May, 2012.

The Chair presented an update regarding the school budget, the Board has attended many meetings in recent weeks to try and resolve the matter. The Board has asked the district for all FY12 budget requests that were submitted, the Superintendent's recommendations to the committee and the final budget breakdowns of the committee. It was also agreed to request the same for FY13 budgets. The five chairs of the Board of Selectmen of the district will meet with the School Committee at the beginning of the next budget process to advise them of what each town is projecting increases. Also the Board would like a member of the Finance Committee to attend all School Committee meetings once the new budget process begins. The Board stated that if there are no cuts in FY12 budget that they will not support it.

Tim Newman appeared before the Board regarding the WiredWest. He advised that even though the Town has voted successfully two times to create a Lighting Plant, there needs to further action taken to correct an error and that there are two ways to fix the error. One is that the Board of Selectmen appoint itself as the Lighting Plant Board and appoint a Light Plant Manager or the Town elects 5 to 6 people to be on the Lighting Plant Board and appoint a manager. It was noted that at its last meeting the Board believed that it did appoint itself as the Lighting Plant Board with Tim Newman as the manager and representative to the WiredWest Cooperative with Debra Herman as the Alternate. Based upon the concerns of Selectmen Yohalem the Board will withhold any confirmation of the vote until it hears from Town Council regarding the matter.

The Board announced that the Special Town Meeting has been rescheduled to August 11th at 7PM and the Special Town Election is rescheduled to August 12th from Noon – 7:00 p.m. The change is needed to meet the 45 days limit required to act on the certification of the District School Budget by the School Committee.

The Board announced that a pre-work conference is scheduled for July 26th for the Energy Efficiency Grant so that all work may be completed by September 15th deadline.

The Board reviewed and discussed the annual appointment of Town Officers. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint the following officers:

Name	Committee/Board	Term	Expires
David Hosford	Historical Commission	1 yr	2012
Patricia Hardyman	Alternate Delegate - Regional Planning Commission	1 yr	2012
Tom Weeks	Cultural Council	3 yr	2014
Ed Deming	Part Time Police Officer	3 yr	2014
Dave Monyahan	Part Time Police Officer	3 yr	2014
Andy Carlson	Part Time Police Officer	3 yr	2014
Camilla Adams	Cultural Council	3 yr	2014
Michele Shalaby	Cultural Council	3 yr	2014
Marjorie Shaprio	Cultural Council	3 yr	2014
Ned Wilson	Conservation Commission	1 yr	2012
John Weinstein	Conservation Commission	1 yr	2012
Tom Coote	Conservation Commission	1 yr	2012
Mike Jaffee	Board of Appeals	1 yr	2012
Jack Bellinger	Board of Appeals	1 yr	2012
B. Daniel Litchfield III	Board of Appeals	1 yr	2012
Helen Liveten	Board of Appeals	1 yr	2012
John Springstube	Animal Control Officer	1 yr	2012
Prudence Spaulding	Animal Inspector	1 yr	2012
Caren Adams	Tax Collector	1 yr	2012
Patricia Mielke	Town Treasurer	1 yr	2012
Prudence Spaulding	Field Driver/Fence Viewer	1 yr	2012
Courtney Turner	Burial/Soldier Grave Agent	1 yr	2012
Jeremia Pollard, Esq.	Town Counsel	1 yr	2012
Robert Krupski	Gas Inspector	1 yr	2012
John Springstube	Pound Keeper	1 yr	2012
Robert Krupski	Plumbing Inspector	1 yr	2012
Peter Scala	Fire Chief	1 yr	2012
John Springstube	Dog Officer	1 yr	2012
Thomas Carmody	Building Inspector	1 yr	2012
Richard Aloisi	Wiring Inspector	1 yr	2012
Barbara Marchione	Emergency Management Director	1 yr	2012
Maureen Hosford	Cultural Council	3 yr	2014
Barbara Lowman	Cultural Council	3 yr	2014
Niki Hayes	Cultural Council	3 yr	2014
Joyce Sachs	Cultural Council	3 yr	2014
Ned MacDowell	Cultural Council	3 yr	2014
John Sisson	Historical Commission	1 yr	2012
Claudette Callahan	Historical Commission	1 yr	2012
Helen Liveten	Historical Commission	1 yr	2012
David Hosford	Historical Commission	1 yr	2012
Larry Burke	Asst. Right to Know Officer	1 yr	2012
James Mullen	Regional Planning Commission Delegate	1 yr	2012
Fredrick Vorck	Lake Buel Restoration District Representative	1 yr	2012
Marsha Pshenishny	Community Health Committee	1 yr	2012
Prudence Spaulding	Council on Aging	1 yr	2012
Marsha Harvey	Council on Aging	1 yr	2012

Edgar Zukauskas	Umpchene Park Commission	1 yr	2012
Tom Billard	Umpchene Park Commission	1 yr	2012
Robert Twing	Umpchene Park Commission	1 yr	2012
Roger Levine	Solid Waste Coordinator	1 yr	2012
Patricia Mielke	Finance Committee	1 yr	2012
Debra Herman	Technology Committee	1 yr	2012
Tim Newman	Technology Committee	1 yr	2012

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint the following Town Officers:

Scott McFarland as the Sanitary Inspector
The Visiting Nurse Association as Board of Health Agent
Lawrence Davis Jr. as the Moth Superintendent.
It was noted for the record that Mr. Davis recused from the votes.

In answer to an inquiry from the public regarding the policy of addressing the Police Chief as the Acting Police Chief. The Board advised that it had talked to Counsel regarding the matter and would address the issue with the Chief at a work meeting as soon as he returned from vacation.

The Board announced that the bridge on Hadsell Street at the intersection of Hadsell Street and Canaan Southfield Road is closed to vehicular traffic until such funds are made available to make repairs or the bridge is replaced.

The Board advises that the Hatchery Road Project is still in the process of obtaining all the necessary permits before construction can commence and that the Chair will call Berkshire Engineering to obtain present status of the project.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
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